

Giving over 215,000 Technician class licensee's access to the HF band is going to cause chaos due to many operators crammed in an already overcrowded band segments. Morse code examination has been a very important aspect of amateur radio and should be continued as requirement for HF access. As the VE team leader for a local radio club, I have found most examinees that have passed Element 1, have taken the time to actually study theory that is required for higher class licenses and follow better operating practices, instead of just memorizing the question pool like every 1 out of 2 technician class applicants that come in for a test. Morse code is a skill that can't be memorized like the question pool, and some people just don't want to spend more than the few days that it takes to memorize the question pool.

Eliminating Advance and Extra Class phone sub bands is outrageous. What's the point of working towards Extra if your not going to gain equal voice and cw priveleges?

I therefore recommend that Petition RM-10810 be dismissed.
Respectfully,
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